



7. The method according to claim 1 to 6, wherein the histogram is a color histogram.

8. The method according to claim 7, wherein the histogram is a color structure histogram.

9. The method according to claim 2, wherein the range having a bin value of greater than '0' and less than the largest threshold is uniformly quantized into a plurality of sections.

10. The method according to claim 2, wherein the range having a bin value of greater than '0' and less than the largest threshold is non-uniformly quantized.

11. The method according to claim 10, wherein sub-ranges divided by the remaining thresholds are uniformly quantized into a plurality of sections.

12. The method according to claim 10, wherein the range having a bin value of greater than '0' and less than the largest threshold is from 0.0001 to 0.0999.